

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Tensas River

*National Wildlife
Refuge Bird List*



Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1980 is located in the Tensas River Basin in northeastern Louisiana. Due to the refuge's tremendous diversity of lands and waters, it has long been noted for its large populations of waterfowl, songbirds and mammals.

*Seasonal
appearance*

- Sp Spring, March - May
S Summer, June - August
F Fall, September - November
W Winter, December - February

*Seasonal
abundance*



*Thise Blue
Goose, designed
by J.N “Ding”
Darling, is
the symbol of
the National
Wildlife
Refuge
System.*

- a. abundant (a common species which is very numerous)
c. common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)
u. uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)
o. occasional (seen only a few times during a season)
r. rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)
* nests on the refuge.

This checklist includes species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and visiting ornithologists. If you should find an unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters. We appreciate your help in updating our records.



	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Grebes				
___Pied-billed Grebe	U	R	U	R
Pelicans and their Allies				
___White Pelicans	U	U	U	U
___Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	A	A
___Anhinga*	C	C	C	R
Hérons, Egrets and their Allies				
___American Bittern	U		U	R
___Least Bittern	R	R	R	R
___Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	C
___Great Egret*	U	C	U	R
___Snowy Egret*	U	U	U	
___Little Blue Heron*	A	A	A	R
___Cattle Egret*	C	C	C	R
___Green Heron*	U	U	U	
___Blacked-crowned Night-Heron*	R	R	R	R
___Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	C	C	C	R
Ibises, Spoonbill, Stork				
___Glossy Ibis		R	R	
___White Ibis	U	U	U	R
___Roseate Spoonbill		R	R	
___Wood Stork		R	R	
Waterfowl				
___Greater White-fronted Goose	R		R	U
___Snow Goose	U		U	U
___Ross' Goose				R
___Canada Goose	R	R	R	R
___Wood Duck*	C	C	C	A
___Green-winged Teal	U		U	U
___American Black Duck	R		R	U
___Mottled Duck				U
___Mallard	C	R	C	A
___Northern Pintail	R		R	U
___Blue-winged Teal	C	R	C	R
___Northern Shoveler	R		R	U
___Gadwall	C		C	A
___American Wigeon	R		R	U
___Ring-necked Duck	R		R	R
___Greater Scaup	R		R	R
___Lesser Scaup	R		R	R
___Hooded Merganser*	R	R	R	R
Vultures, Hawks and Allies				
___Black Vulture*	U	U	U	C
___Turkey Vulture*	U	U	U	U
___Osprey	R			
___Mississippi Kite*	C	U	R	
___Bald Eagle				R

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Northern Harrier	U		U	A
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	R		R	R
___ Cooper's Hawk*	R	R	R	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	C	C	C	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	U	C	C
___ American Kestrel	U	R	U	U
___ Merlin	R		R	
Gallinaceous birds (Quail, Turkey and Allies)				
___ Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
___ Northern Bobwhite*	U	U	U	U
Rails, Gallinules, Coots and Cranes				
___ King Rail	R	R	R	R
___ Sora	R			R
___ Common Moorhen	R		R	
___ American Coot	R		R	U
Shorebirds				
___ Killdeer*	U	U	U	U
___ Greater Yellowlegs	C		C	R
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	C		C	R
___ Solitary Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U		U	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	R			
___ Least Sandpiper	U		U	U
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	C		C	
___ Western Sandpiper	R			
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	U		U	U
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	R			
___ Common Snipes	C		C	C
___ American Woodcock	R	R	R	U
___ Ringed-billed Gull	U		U	U
Pigeons, Doves				
___ Rock Dove	R	R	R	R
___ Mourning Dove*	A	A	A	A
___ Common Ground-Dove		R	R	R
Cuckoos				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	R		R	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	C	C	C	
Owls				
___ Common Barn Owl	R	R	R	R
___ Eastern Screech Owl*	C	C	C	C
___ Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
___ Barred Owl*	A	A	A	A
___ Short-eared Owl	R		R	R

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Nightjars				
___ Common Nighthawk	U	U	U	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	U	U	R	
___ Whip-poor-will	U	U	R	
Swifts, Hummingbirds				
___ Chimney Swift*	U	U	U	
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	A	A	A	
Kingfishers				
___ Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	U
Woodpeckers				
___ Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	C
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	A	A	A	A
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U
___ Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
___ Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Flicker	U	U	U	A
___ Pileated Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Flycatchers				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C	
___ Acadian Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Phoebe	U		U	C
___ Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
___ Eastern Kingbird	C	U	C	
___ Horned Lark*	U	U	U	U
Martins and Swallows				
___ Purple Martin	C	U	C	
___ Tree Swallow	C		C	
___ Northern Roughed-winged Swallow	U	R	R	
___ Barn Swallow	C	U	C	
Jays and Crows				
___ Blue Jay*	A	A	A	A
___ American Crow*	C	C	C	C
___ Fish Crow	U	U	U	U
Chickadees and Titmice				
___ Carolina Chickadee*	A	A	A	A
___ Tufted Titmouse*	A	A	A	A
Nuthatches				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch				R
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	R	R	R	R
Creepers				
Brown Creeper	U		U	U

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Wrens				
___ Carolina Wren*	A	A	A	A
___ House Wren	U		U	U
___ Winter Wren	U		U	U
___ Sedge Wren	U		U	U
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		C	C
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	C
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	R
Bluebirds, Thrushes and Robin				
___ Eastern Bluebird	U	R	U	U
___ Veery	U		U	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
___ Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
___ Hermit Thrush	C		C	C
___ Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	
___ American Robin	C	R	C	A
Thrashers				
___ Gray Catbird	C	U	C	R
___ Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	C
___ Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	C
Pipits				
___ American Pipit	R		R	U
Waxwings				
___ Cedar Waxwing	C	R		R
C				
Starling				
___ European Starling	A	C	A	A
Shrike				
___ Loggerhead Shrike*	U	U	U	U
Vireos				
___ White-eyed Vireo*	A	A	A	R
___ Blue-headed Vireo			U	U
___ Yellow-throated Vireo*	C	C	C	
___ Red-eyed Vireo*	A	A	A	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
Warblers				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	U		U	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	
___ Tennessee Warbler	A		A	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	U
___ Northern Parula*	A	A	C	
___ Yellow warbler	U		U	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
___ Magnolia Warbler	C		C	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	A		A	A
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	C		C	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	U			U
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Pine Warbler	R	R	R	R
___ Prairie Warbler	R		R	
___ Palm Warbler	U		U	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	C		C	
___ Cerulean Warbler	U	R	U	
___ Black-and-white Warbler	C	R	C	
___ American Redstart*	U	U	U	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	A	A	A	
___ Worm-eating Warbler	U		U	
___ Swainson's Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Ovenbird	C		U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	A		A	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	A	R	A	
___ Kentucky Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	U
___ Hooded Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Wilson's Warbler	R		R	
___ Canada Warbler	C		C	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C	
Tanagers				
Summer Tanager*	C	C	C	
New World Finches				
___ Northern Cardinal*	A	A	A	A
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C		C	
___ Blue Grosbeak	C	U	C	
___ Indigo Bunting*	A	A	A	
___ Painted Bunting*	C	C	C	
___ Dickcissel*	C	C	U	
___ Rufous-sided Towhee*	C	C	C	C
Sparrows				
___ Chipping Sparrow	U	R	U	U
___ Field Sparrow	U	R	U	U
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Song Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	C
___ White-throated Sparrow	A		A	A
___ White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	<u>A</u>
___ Lapland Longspur	U		U	U

	SP	S	F	W
Blackbirds, Grackles, Cowbirds and Orioles				
___ Bobolink	U		U	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	A	A	A	A
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	C
___ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	U
___ Brewer's Blackbird	U		U	U
___ Common Grackle*	C	C	C	A
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	C
___ Orchard Oriole*	C	C	C	
___ Baltimore Oriole	U	R	U	
Old World Finches				
___ Purple Finch	U		U	U
___ House Finch	R	R	R	R
___ Pine Siskin	U			
___ American Goldfinch	C	R	C	C
Weaver Finches				
___ House Sparrow	U	U	U	U

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Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of species

Route or area

Observers

Remarks



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